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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 35

Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin
(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Laird and Lieu)
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Hancock)

December 4, 2006

An act to add Part 3.1 (commencing with Section 71117) to Division 34 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the environment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 35, as amended, Ruskin. Environment: state buildings: sustainable building standards.

Existing law sets forth various requirements for energy and design efficiency in construction and renovation of state buildings.

This bill would enact the Sustainable Building Act of 2007 and would require a state agency, on and after July 1, 2010, that commences construction of, or renovation to, a state building to design, construct, and operate that state building to meet, at a minimum, applicable certification standards described in the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for a gold rating. The bill would ~~authorize~~ *require* a state agency to also consider existing relevant information and guidelines, and would require a state agency to provide for credits for the use of specified products.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Part 3.1 (commencing with Section 71117) is added to Division 34 of the Public Resources Code, to read:

PART 3.1. SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ACT OF 2007

71117. For purposes of this part, “state building” means a building owned or leased by the state, or any building the state intends to occupy.

71117.1. (a) On and after July 1, 2010, a state agency that commences construction of, or renovation to, a state building shall design, construct, and operate that state building to meet, at a minimum, applicable certification standards described in the United States Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for a gold rating.

(b) In determining whether a state building meets the standards specified in subdivision (a), a state agency ~~may~~ *shall* consider existing relevant guidelines and information, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(1) The Green Building Initiative’s “Green Globes” rating system.

(2) The Environmental Protection Agency’s “Federal Green Construction Guide for Specifiers.”

(3) The Department of Energy’s “Greening Federal Facilities.”

(4) The state’s Building Better Buildings: An Update on State Sustainable Building Initiatives (Blueprint 2003).

(5) The Governor’s Executive Order S-20-04.

(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), for purposes of certifying that a state building meets the standards specified in subdivision (a), a state agency shall provide credits to a project that uses wood products with a credible third-party sustainable forest certification, as determined by the California Environmental Protection Agency.

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**All matter omitted in this version of the bill
appears in the bill as amended in the
Assembly, June 1, 2007 (JR11)**

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